

Hi,

Craig Connor, Resident of Vernon Ct for 51 years, born, raised here. I drive to Farmington for work every day and also another trip or two sometimes three to Hartford where our youngest twins go to SMSA magnet school and are involved in sports and crew in Hartford. I see hundreds of cars and trucks daily and it has to be at least 50% are from out of state, we need their money.

Set up tolls at ever boarder 95/91/84/395/meritt only accept speed pass like Fla does on some roads and have a write off for those who file CT taxes. The economy stinks, housing values are still way down, unemployment is still very high and seems lower since many don't file anymore and others work two or more part time jobs just to survive.. we can not afford to pay tolls unless we can get a full credit for them. We were blatantly lied to about the income tax and pay a sales tax along with one of the highest gas taxes in the country.

Using the speed pass technology will not impact the flow of traffic like stop and pay toll booths, a lot less, have the plate recognition to send bills to those who do not have speed pass, offer speedpass transmitters at cost to us also.

Our twins are in 10th grade and we are seriously considering that after they graduate we will be moving out of Connecticut unless there is a cut in how we are being robbed by the state. If our children did not go to a magnet school that is outstanding, (our 2nd oldest graduated from SMSA last year) we would have moved a long time ago, Our town schools are so substandard it is sickening.

So DO the tolls, get millions if not billions from out of state cars and trucks, They do not buy gas here, give CT tax filing persons a tax write off or lower the gas tax/income tax/sales tax substantially and fix the roads and bridges..

Hope this input is useful , Thanks Tony for sending me the info, good luck in doing the right thing for Connecticut..
Sincerely Craig Connor